

Bees
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Grow Bulbs in your Home
and live among spring flowers
on dark winter days

FOREWORD

At this time of the year when gardens are still gay with late summer and autumn flowers, we are apt to overlook the importance of Bulbs to beautify our homes during the drab winter months and make our gardens gay and colourful next spring.

But it is now that we must act if we are to enjoy the incomparable beauty of these most easily grown flowers—flowers that are the very essence of the spirit of spring.

Although inferior bulbs will give some sort of result, there is a world of difference in the quality of the display between "cheap" bulbs and those offered herein, which are produced from healthy parent stock grown in the best bulb land, harvested at the proper time and thoroughly ripened—a very important factor.

**YOU CANNOT BUY
BETTER THAN BEES**

Carriage Terms

Carriage is paid in the United Kingdom on orders for Bulbs of 20/- value when cash accompanies order. Orders for Bulbs of less value than 20/- must have an extra 1/- enclosed for carriage and packing. (See separate terms in our Nursery Catalogue for carriage on Roses, Fruit Trees, Shrubs and Plants.)

N.B.—It is impracticable to send Bulbs, Fertilisers, etc., in the same parcel as nursery stock. Therefore, if you order bulbs as well as plants, do not expect them to be in the same consignment. It would help to expedite your order if you would arrange to send a separate remittance to cover all goods offered in this bulb list as distinct from nursery goods offered in the main catalogue.

Bees
LTD.

Order Dept.

**173-181 MILL STREET
LIVERPOOL 8**

Phone: Royal 8557 (4 lines)
Grams: "Beesian Liverpool"



1/- each; 10/6 doz.

(Not less than 6 at the doz. rate)

Long lists of names tend to confuse and so we have made a careful selection and offer only the best variety in each colour group.

L'Innocence Broad spike built up of large pure white bells carried on strong stem. The most popular white Hyacinth, ideal for pots and bedding.

Lady Derby A most exquisite delicate rosy pink. Well formed spike with large waxen bells; splendid variety for every purpose.

La Victoire Bright, rich, rosy scarlet, very long spike; the most popular of all the scarlet-reds.

Myosotis As lovely as its name, a beautiful ethereal blue; large spikes of perfect shape and erect habit.

King of the Blues Dark rich Oxford blue; long compact spike; good for bedding.

King of the Yellows Large truss built up of lovely primrose yellow bells, a beautiful "sunny" variety.

SNOWDROPS First size Bulbs, 2/- doz.; 14/- 100
(Not less than 6 at the dozen rate or 50 at the 100 rate.)

The best for naturalising on grassy banks, on lawns under the shade of deciduous trees, in beds, borders, etc. They also do well in pots of soil or fibre if kept cool.

CROCUS 1/6 doz.; 10/6 100
(Not less than 6 at the dozen rate or 50 at the 100 rate.)

Mixed Colours Only A fine mixture comprising a well balanced assortment of blue, white, yellow and striped varieties. May be grown in fibre or soil indoors or out. When grown indoors they should be kept cool.

Exquisitely Scented
Freesias



FRAGRANT FREESIAS

For indoor cultivation only

Delightfully scented and most beautiful and graceful flowers, blooming in January and February. Plant the bulbs September-October in pots (say about 4½-6 in. dia.) and in a rich sandy soil. Stand pots in greenhouse or frame until November-December, when they may be placed in a cool airy room or greenhouse for blooming. Give very little water until growth commences. When growth is well advanced, water may be applied freely until the flowers are over.

3/6 doz.; 25/- 100

CHEQUER-BOARD LILY (SNAKE'S HEAD FRITILLARIA)

3/- doz.; 20/- 100

(Not less than 6 at the dozen rate or 50 at the 100 rate)

The blossoms are suspended gracefully and dance in the breeze like so many little Chinese lanterns; all are perfectly hardy and ideal for the rock garden or front of border. They also make very charming pot subjects. In colour they vary from creamy white to deep purple and there are some beautifully marked forms with deep chocolate, purple, and white in squares like a chequer-board.



Crocuses

ST. BRIGID ANEMONES

Special Strain Mixed 2/- doz.; 14/- 100

(Not less than 6 at the dozen rate or 50 at the 100 rate)

The flowers of this glorious strain are of immense size, and mostly semi-double with a remarkable range of colour.

SCILLA (BLUE SQUILL)

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(Not less than 6 at the dozen rate or 50 at the 100 rate)

The Gentian-blue Squill blooms same time as the Crocus; exquisitely dainty with its clear and vivid blue flowers clattering 3 to 4 on a stem.

GOLDEN WINTER ACONITE

2/6 doz.; 18/- 100

(Not less than 6 at the dozen rate or 50 at the 100 rate)

Blooms in January and February, on stems 2 in. to 3 in. high, brilliant buttercup-yellow with an exquisite green lace collar round each dainty flower. Perfectly hardy for border, rockery, edging beds, etc.

GRAPE HYACINTH (MUSCARI HEAVENLY BLUE)

1/3 doz.; 8/6 100

(Not less than 6 at the dozen rate or 50 at the 100 rate)

A gem of the first water. Unquestionably one of the finest blue hardy flowers. The upper third of stem is clustered thickly with rich gentian-blue wax-like bells, like tiny grapes. These subjects make a superb edging to a bed of Daffodils or Narcissi. Muscari are also first-rate for the rockery; for planting on grassy banks and for growing in pots of soil or fibre.

GLORY OF THE SNOW

(CHIONODOXA LUCILIAE)

1/6 doz.; 10/6 100

(Not less than 6 at the dozen rate or 50 at the 100 rate)

This charming sky-blue spring flower does well everywhere, outdoors and indoors; borders, rockery; planted in grass or as an edging to beds, in pots or bowls of soil or fibre.

DUTCH IRIS

Finest Mixed 1/9 doz.; 12/6 100

(Not less than 6 at the dozen rate or 50 at the 100 rate)

Commonly called "The Poor Man's Orchid," grown in groups in the border or in a bed by themselves they produce a grand effect. The flowers resemble those of the Spanish Iris in form but are more robust, very much larger, and bloom fully a fortnight in advance of them. Very hardy and accommodating. Colours comprise yellow, dark blue with yellow blotch at the throat, white, also bronze. MIXED colours ONLY.

IRIS TINGITANA

For Cultivation in pots or in Bowls of Fibre.

The flowers, which are not unlike those of the Spanish Iris, are poised on long, slender stems. Colour: Bright azure blue, with yellow blotch at throat. May be had in bloom at Christmas.

Top-size Bulbs, 6/- doz., 42/6 100

Cultural note.—Do not put in the dark and do not water until growth is 3 in. tall. Compost should be only just moist for planting.



St. Brigid
Anemones

Golden
Winter Aconites

Grape Hyacinths

Iris
tingitana

TRUMPET DAFFODILS

Double Nosed Bulbs 6/- doz.; 42/6 100

(Not less than 6 at the dozen rate or 50 at the 100 rate.)

King Alfred A truly majestic variety; of imposing appearance, great size and substance; large and elegantly formed trumpet with a wide open mouth well turned back and deeply frilled.

Spring Glory A bi-colour variety, pure white perianth, broad and spreading with large handsome bright yellow trumpet nicely frilled at the brim; splendid forcing variety.

Double Yellow

(**VAN SION**) The old "Double Golden Yellow Trumpet Daffodil." Most useful for naturalising and general garden work; good, too, for early forcing.

Victoria A fine white and gold variety, splendid for both indoor and outdoor culture; does well in bowls of fibre.



King Alfred
Daffodil—
a great
favourite

Firetail—
Narcissus
shapely form

Herald the Spring with a Fa



Paper White
Narcissus

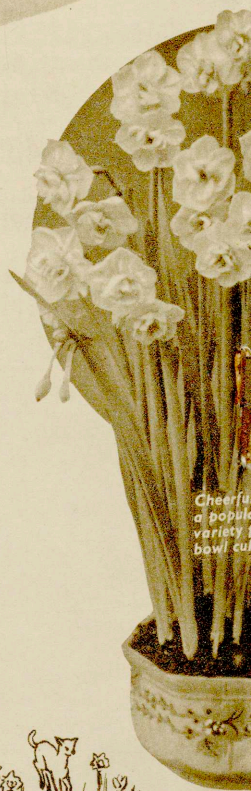
MEDIUM CUP NARCISSUS

Double Nosed Bulbs, 4/- doz.; 27/6 100

(Not less than 6 at the dozen rate or 50 at the 100 rate.)

Helios Perianth of deep butter yellow built up of overlapping petals of good substance; the large beautifully formed cup opens rich yellow deepening to orange as the flower matures; well-expanded and frilled at the mouth; splendid for forcing and general garden decoration; very lasting.

Firetail Large flower of shapely form with broad creamy white perianth and large flat crown of brilliant crimson scarlet; a flower of great beauty and refinement, lasts a long time in flower.



Cheerful
a popular
variety
bowl culture





a lovely
form

Medium Cup
Type of
Narcissus

BUNCH-FLOWERED NARCISSUS

(Not less than 6 at the dozen rate or 50 at the 100 rate.)

Paper White The true Grandiflora Paper-white bunch-flowered Narcissus. May be grown in flat bowls filled with water and pebbles, in fibre, or in soil. If planted early will commence to bloom freely in November and supplies can be had up to the end of February. Flowers translucent white, deliciously fragrant. Should be grown "cool."

5/- doz., 35/- 100

Laurens Koster Each stem bears 4 to 5 flowers of purest white with bright golden orange cup; it forces well in fibre indoors and is excellent for bedding. Double Nosed Bulbs.

4/6 doz., 32/6 100

Cheerfulness A very attractive double 'Poetaz' carrying 3 to 4 large blooms on a stem with broad rounded creamy white perianth and a full-double centre of creamy white with honey shading. Ideal for bedding and very beautiful for pots and bowls. Double Nosed Bulbs. 4/6 doz., 32/6 100

Floral Trumpets

JONQUIL

3/- doz.; 21/- 100

(Not less than 6 at the dozen rate or 50 at the 100 rate.)

CAMPERNELLE REGULOSUS Rich yellow fragrant flowers carried 3 to 4 on a stem; rushlike foliage; very effective massed in beds and borders; valuable for pots if grown "cool."

NARCISSUS

Double Nosed Bulbs, 4/6 doz.; 32/6 100

(Not less than 6 at the dozen rate or 50 at the 100 rate.)

Poeticus Ornatus Maximus The most popular variety of the Poet's form and a proved favourite. Pure white perianth and a yellow eye edged fiery red. It is a most suitable variety for forcing and for growing in pots and is exceptionally free flowering.

Double Gardenia-Flowered

Double Nosed Bulbs, 4/6 doz.; 32/6 100

(Not less than 6 at the dozen rate or 50 at the 100 rate.)

Daphne Beautifully formed fully-double flowers of gardenia shape, pure snowy white; sweetly scented.



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Delightfully
Scented Jonquils



SINGLE EARLY TULIPS

For Bedding, Borders and Pots

(Not less than 6 at the dozen rate or 50 at the 100 rate)

The figure immediately after the name indicates the comparative time of flowering, but the difference in time of flowering between any two consecutive numbers is almost negligible.

Brilliant Star (3). Brilliant deep scarlet flowers of large size; very showy and one of the most popular of this section for bedding. 10 ins. doz. 5/6, 100 37/6

General De Wet (3). Very showy variety of fiery orange suffused scarlet; deliciously fragrant flower. 15 ins. doz. 4/3, 100 30/-

Keizerskroon (1). Extra large egg-shaped flowers of flaming scarlet deeply margined bright buttercup yellow; looks most effective planted in beds or in groups in the border. 14 ins. doz. 5/6, 100 37/6

Pink Perfection (2). A beautiful pink variety; flowers are very large and perfect form; a most lovely variety; first class for bedding and grouping in the border. 12 ins. doz. 5/6, 100 37/6

Rising Sun (1). A very beautiful variety producing large globular, well-formed flowers of rich canary yellow; fine for pots or bedding. 16 ins. doz. 4/3, 100 30/-

White Hawk (2). Large white blooms of globular form and substantial texture; one of the best white early tulips. Excellent for pots or bedding. 13 ins. doz. 4/3, 100 30/-

TRIUMPH TULIPS

**Robust Growth. Tall strong stems
Bloom between Earlies and Darwins**

The result of crossings between Single Early and Darwins. Produce very large flowers on strong rigid stems which make them ideal for exposed positions. They provide continuity of colour for they come into bloom just when the single earlies have finished and carry on until the Darwins come into flower. Extra choice mixed, which is a blend of all the better varieties. doz. 3/6, 100 25/-



Single
Early
Tulips

*Plant these for a
lovely display in*

DARWIN

(and other May

For Beds

4/3 doz.; 30/- 100

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Afterglow (3). Large globular blooms of soft apricot orange margined amber. 25 ins.

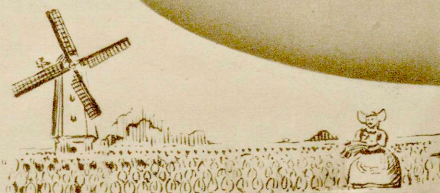
Bartigon (2). Bold goblet-shaped blooms of fiery-scarlet flushed deeper on outside of petals; base white, edged blue; fine for forcing. 26 ins.

Carrara (3). Well formed flowers of peerless white; one of the best for garden decoration and forcing. 20 ins.

Clara Butt

(3). Soft rose pink; one of the most popular varieties. 22 ins.

Stately, long-
stemmed
Darwin Tulips



Double
Early
Tulips



DOUBLE EARLY TULIPS

For Bedding, Pot and Bowl Culture

5/6 doz.; 37/6 100

(Not less than 6 at the dozen rate or 50 at the 100 rate)

The figure immediately after the name indicates the comparative time of flowering, but the difference in time of flowering between any two consecutive numbers is almost negligible.

Marechal Niel (3). A very beautiful variety; blooms of soft canary yellow flushed golden orange; first class for early forcing in pots and bowls; grand for bedding. 11 ins.

Orange Nassau (3). Immense orange scarlet flower beautifully formed and carried on a strong stem; first-class forcer and splendid for bedding and grouping in the border. 11 ins.

Mr. Van der Hoeff (3). Without doubt the finest golden yellow double variety; large blooms, very double and perfectly modelled; a good early forcer ideal for bowls and first class for bedding. 11 ins.

Murillo (3). A great favourite for early forcing and bedding; flowers very large and full and of a delicate soft pink flushed white. 11 ins.

Peach Blossom (3). Large fully double flowers of a lovely deep rose pink flushed white; a grand variety in all respects. 12 ins.

Schoonoord (2). The best double white; fine forcer, a bowl of this variety makes a very chaste and beautiful table decoration. 12 ins.

TULIP TIME

TULIPS

Flowering Tulips) and Borders

(Not less than 6 at the dozen rate or 50 at the 100 rate)

Golden Harvest (2). The finest golden yellow May-flowering variety, with beautifully formed flowers carried majestically on strong stems; a very fine variety for bedding. 26 ins.

La Tulipe Noire (Dumas' Black Tulip) (3). Large cup-shaped blooms of velvety maroon black. 24 ins.

Princess Elizabeth (3). Soft rose pink, silvery flush at margins; flowers large and borne on strong stems; a perfect gem for forcing, bedding and border. 29 ins.

William Copeland (Sweet Lavender) (2). Pre-eminently an early forcing variety; the colour is a beautiful soft lavender; grown outside it is a rosy lilac.

Mixed

A really good blend of colours.
doz. 3/6, 100 25/-

PARROT or DRAGON TULIPS

Bohemians of Tulipdom

Immense blooms, fringed and frilled in a truly wonderful manner. The most gorgeous crimson and vermillion run riot amongst blazing orange and yellow shades. We strongly recommend you to grow some of these quaintly shaped exotic-looking flowers for table decoration.

Blue Parrot Enormous flowers of bluish purple with a beautiful frilled outline; the best of its colour. doz. 4/3, 100 30/-

Fantasy A lovely soft rose of silken sheen streaked apple green on outside of petals; inside salmon rose. doz. 5/-, 100 35/-

Orange Favourite Beautiful orange with lighter edge; sweetly scented. doz. 6/-, 100 42/6

Red Champion Very large flowers of rich scarlet; a most charming variety. doz. 7/3, 100 50/-

Parrot Tulips
Bohemians of the
Tulip World



For Best Results plant your Bulbs in **Bees** SPECIALLY PREPARED **BULB COMPOST**



This is a complete, well-balanced compost for use instead of soil. It is the product of many years' experience. All the ingredients are of the purest and best quality—correctly blended and well mixed. Children and ladies love to "garden" with this material. There is nothing more fascinating to a child than to plant a few bulbs in bowls and watch them grow and flower. This fibre can be used in any kind of receptacle—vase, bowl, flower-pot. There is nothing to be added except water.

- Well Balanced
- Clean to use
- Completely Odourless

Bushel 7/6, $\frac{1}{2}$ Bushel 4/6, $\frac{1}{4}$ Bushel 2/3, carriage paid.

Note.—Quarter Bushel is sufficient to fill four $7\frac{1}{2}$ in. Bowls.

LAWN GRASS SEED

SUPERFINE SEED. This mixture is composed of the finest selected dwarf perennial grasses without rye grass. It will produce a beautiful green sward of the finest quality which will look well right through the winter.

Post paid prices, 1 lb., 6/-; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb., 3/-; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb., 1/6
POPULAR MIXTURE. A first-class mixture containing a proportion of perennial rye grass for use where a strong, quick growing, hard-wearing turf is required.

Post paid prices, 1 lb., 3/-; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb., 1/6; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb., 9d.

A TON OF MANURE FOR 1/6

FROM FERTOSAN COMPOST ACCELERATOR—

Converts Garden Refuse into Manure in 5 or 6 weeks

Rapidly converts garden refuse, vegetable stalks, roots and leaves, straw, tea-leaves; in fact anything that will decay, into rich humus laden manurial soil or compost. Full directions in packet.

1/6 post free

Bees GARDEN AIDS

Feed Plants—Banish Pests

NATIONAL GROWMORE FERTILISER

ANALYSIS Nitrogen (N), 7% : Phosphoric Acid (P_2O_5), soluble, 6.5%, insoluble, 0.5% : Potash (K_2O), 7%.

CONTROLLED PRICES—SUPPLIED ONLY IN QUANTITIES SPECIFIED

Carriage paid prices, 1 cwt., 27/6; 56 lbs., 16/3; 28 lbs., 9/3;
14 lbs., 5/6; 7 lbs., 3/3

PLANT FOOD

FOR FLOWERS, FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

ANALYSIS Nitrogen (N), 6% : Phosphoric Acid (P_2O_5) soluble, 8.25% : insoluble, 0.75% : Potash (K_2O), 6%.

A first-class "Complete" granular food which is dustless and easy to apply. Compounded by technical experts to provide, at a popular price, a well-balanced food, making for clean, healthy growth, abundant crops of fine flavour, and large, well-coloured flowers.

Carriage paid prices, 1 cwt., 27/6; 56 lbs., 16/3; 28 lbs., 9/3;
14 lbs., 5/6; 7 lbs., 3/3

BONE MEAL

Bone meal is not an "artificial" manure but an exceptionally valuable fertilizer. It is entirely organic and releases its nutriment gradually over a very long period. It is a safe and valuable fertilizer for practically everything, particularly Roses, Fruit, Shrubs, and other permanent plantings.

Carriage paid prices, 1 cwt., 40/-; 56 lbs., 21/-; 28 lbs., 11/6;
14 lbs., 6/9; 7 lbs., 4/6

DRIED BLOOD

The Quick-Acting Tonic for all Plants, Roses, Bulbs, Vegetables and Indoor Plants

Bees' Dried Blood is an organic nitrogenous fertilizer in a form which is easily assimilated by all plants. It may be used as a top dressing when plants are in actual growth.

Carriage paid prices, 1 cwt., 70/-; 56 lbs., 36/6; 28 lbs., 19/-;
14 lbs., 10/-; 7 lbs., 5/6. Trial Canister 1/6 post free.

LAWN SAND

KILLS WEEDS—FEEDS GRASS

A finely-ground lawn sand for quick action. Kills all shallow-rooted weeds in turf, such as daisies, creeping buttercup, yarrow, and, at the same time nourishes the grass. Can be applied at any time of the year, but most effective in spring and autumn.

Carriage paid prices, 1 cwt., 30/-; 56 lbs., 18/-; 28 lbs., 10/-;
14 lbs., 5/6; 7 lbs., 3/3

S-E-L-E-C-T-I-V-E WEED KILLER FOR LAWNS

Bees' Selective Lawn Weed Killer, containing 2, 4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2, 4-D), will destroy, in 3 to 6 weeks, the majority of the more troublesome weeds and leave the grass unharmed.

8 oz. bottle (sufficient to treat 600 sq. ft. in two applications) 2/6 post free.

SLUG KILLER

QUICK AND CERTAIN DEATH TO SLUGS AND SNAILS

A most effective preparation for getting rid of these universal pests. About one teaspoonful of the mixture should be placed at intervals of 2 to 3 ft. in borders and beds among seedlings and plants, and wherever slugs are troublesome.

1/- canister, post free

D.D.T. in the "PUFFER" Pack FOR HOUSE AND GARDEN

"Puffs" a Fine Mist-like Protective Covering Where Required In the Garden: Kills caterpillars, woodlice, ants, earwigs, apple blossom weevils, pea and bean weevils, etc., etc.

In the House: Kills flies, moths, cockroaches, crickets, lice, bugs, etc., invaluable for killing insects on poultry, dogs and cats. Complete directions on the pack.

2/- complete, post free

DERRIS DUST in the "PUFFER" Pack

"Puffs" a Fine Mist-like Protective Covering on the Plants For killing caterpillars on green crops and flea beetles on seedlings, etc. Complete directions on the pack.

2/- complete, post free

LIQUID MANURE

ANALYSIS Nitrogen (N), 6% : Water soluble Phosphate (P_2O_5), 6% : Potash (K_2O), 7% : Magnesia (MgO), 0.5%.

A highly concentrated and completely balanced food in a form most easily assimilated by the plants and most convenient to apply. Vegetables, Tomatoes, Fruit and Flowers all respond rapidly. No objectionable odour.

16 oz. Bottle (sufficient to make 128 gallons of quick-acting manure) 2/6 post free

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